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SUBJECT: INFORMAL TALKS WITH CANADIANS ON AWACS AND COST-SHARING

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1. FOLLOWING LETTER FROM ASD/ISA MCAULIFFE TO CANADIAN ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER, DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE, E. P. BLACK, DATED 11 SEPTEMBER 1976, QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

"DEAR MR. BLACK: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 19 AUGUST ON THE SUBJECT OF NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENSE PROGRAMS. YOU HAVE PERHAPS HEARD THROUGH GENERAL CHRISTIE OF THE UNFORTUNATE DELAY IN RECEIVING YOUR LETTER.

"I AM AWARE, OF COURSE, OF THE PJBD PROPOSAL IN JUNE TO ESTABLISH TWO BINATIONAL AD HOC GROUPS, ONE TO EXAMINE AWACS  
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EMPLOYMENT, ESPECIALLY IN THE NORTH AMERICAN CONTEXT, AND

THE OTHER TO EXAMINE COST SHARING OF NORTH AMERICAN AIR DEFENSE PROGRAMS. AS YOU KNOW, THE AWACS AD HOC GROUP HAS ALREADY MET AND, I AM TOLD, IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS. WITH RESPECT TO THE COST SHARING GROUP, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO

DISCUSS APPROACHES WITH YOU AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE, BUT IN ORDER TO LAUNCH THE EFFORT PROMPTLY, I HAVE ASKED MR. MAYNARD GLITMAN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, EUROPEAN AND NATO AFFAIRS, ISA, TO MEET WITH YOU ON 27 SEPTEMBER IN OTTAWA. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A US AIR FORCE GENERAL OFFICER. THE LATTER, WHOSE NAME WILL BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY, WILL ADDITIONALLY CHAIR THE US SECTION OF THE COST SHARING WORKING GROUP. SINCERELY, EUGENE V. MCAULIFFE. "

2. GLITMAN, ACCOMPANIED BY BG CARL H. CATHEY, USAF, AND JAMES H. TIMBERLAKE, ISA ASSISTANT CANADIAN AFFAIRS, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE DND HEADQUARTERS OTTAWA 1145, SEPTEMBER 27. CANADIANS HOSTING LUNCH 1230-1345. TALKS WILL CONTINUE AT DND HEADQUARTERS 1400-1600. GLITMAN WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON AMBASSADOR PRIOR TO ARRIVING DND HEAD-QUARTERS AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO DEBRIEF HIM AFTER MEETING, IF THAT DESIRED. PARTY DUE TO DEPART OTTAWA ABOUT 1700.

3. AWACS WORKING GROUP UNDER GENERAL PUSTAY AND MCKENZIE NOW DUE TO MEET IN OTTAWA 28-29 SEPTEMBER. GENERAL PUSTAY LOOKS FORWARD TO EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH AMBASSADOR ON AWACS ON 28 SEPTEMBER AND WILL HAVE STAFF AVAILABLE TO GO INTO AS MUCH DETAIL AS AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY OFFICERS DESIRE. ROBINSON

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